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Council divided on pay increase

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Staff Reporter

The issue of adjusting Dysart councillors' compensation is proving divisive for council members.

As previously reported, a discussion on the issue took place during council's October meeting, with Councillor Dennis Casey advocating a remuneration increase for councillors, to bring their pay more in line with that of councillors in surrounding townships.

While the municipality has the largest population of Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities at approximately 6,000, its councillors have the smallest pay cheques. In Dysart et al, councillors are paid approximately \$14,000 per year, the deputy-mayor approximately \$17,000 and the mayor approximately \$26,200.

(Dysart et al council voted Monday to officially change the title of reeve to mayor, and deputy-reeve to deputy-mayor, meaning all four of Haliburton County's lower-tier municipalities have now made that transition.)

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A message to the future

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Rusty Rustenburg inserts a time capsule into granite rock outside the fish hatchery on Friday, Nov. 17. The tube had *Echo* and *Times* newspapers, trinkets, pins, embroidered logos, keepsakes from Hometown Hockey and a memory stick with photos and videos added to it. The rock was bored by Total Site Services and had a translucent plaque added to it to commemorate the occasion. More on page 19./DARREN LUM Staff

Students work to stop bullying by sharing their stories

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

For three nights, Grade 11 HHSS student Danielle Allison cried herself to sleep after receiving hurtful anonymous messages.

"I was receiving messages ... calling me ugly and fat, also telling me my boyfriend is way too successful to be with me and that I don't deserve him," she recalls.

In an attempt to bring attention to an onslaught of bullying happening in the community, Allison's boyfriend shared the occurrence in a social media post that was quickly shared dozens of times.

The outpouring of community concern saw messages shared from students and parents who commiserated with Danielle's experience and vowed to act against bullying.

"When it got shared and reposted so many times it actually made me feel like

the hate just disappeared," she said. "So many lovely amazing people messaged me to let me know that they were there for me and that I don't deserve this kind of hate. That honestly made the comments not mean as much and look less intimidating."

After seeing the posts about Danielle on Facebook, Dulce Acero decided she needed to make her own post.

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Parents 'very concerned' over bullying in school

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Dulce's son, Phoenix, died suddenly in May and on the six-month anniversary of his death, Dulce said she needed to speak up about the bullies her son, who was in Grade 9, had to deal with at the high school. Her post was shared more than 300 times, starting a further online conversation about the culture of bullying in Haliburton County.

"I didn't plan this," she said of the post. "I had no intention of talking to anybody about anything. But I can't do this anymore. I can't believe that kids have not learned that you can't talk to people this way. I hope the adults in this community can wake up and [say] 'OK, maybe I really don't know what's going on.'"

Dulce said there was a greater need for parents to "find out how [their kids] are really talking to people," even if it meant searching their phones, and for greater accountability for bullies through the school board and from local law officials.

Allison's mom, Deb McLean, agrees.

"Something has to be done. These children don't feel safe in our little town. I am very concerned."

McLean said she planned on contacting the police regarding the incident.

"I don't understand where this hate is coming from," she said. "I said if they don't realize what they're doing now, what kind of adults are they going to become?"

This week – Nov. 19 to 25 – has been designated as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario, when, according to the province's Ministry of Education website, students, school staff and parents "are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being."

The Ministry of Education website defines bullying as, "a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance." It can be physical (hitting, shoving, damaging property) verbal (name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments), social (excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them) or electronic (cyberbullying, spreading rumours and hurtful comments through cellphones, email, texts and social networking sites).

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research reports that 47 per cent of Canadian parents report having a child victim of bullying, and that any participation in bullying increases risk of suicidal ideas in youth.

"Bullying is no longer considered a normal part of growing up but as a dangerous testing ground for some of the most pernicious forms of relational abuse, often with few consequences for the offender but many for the victim," reads a press release on the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's website. "We can reverse the spread of bullying by first acknowledging that it's not normal or typical behaviour, that it's not harmless and that we can do something about it."

The effect bullying can have on mental health – including depression, anxiety, social isolation, problems with self-esteem, aggressiveness, and suicidal tendencies, according to the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District health unit – is one that students want the greater community to know about.

"It was awful," said Maddie Phippen, who graduated last year. "I had a really difficult time in school, every day was something new. Name calling was the main thing but things got physical as well. All of the bullying that was done to me, was done by boys. So this caused a lot of trust issues with men especially in relationships. I absolutely hated going to school."

Phippen said with community support, students would feel helped, and not victimized or judged.

"It affected my school time because it was hard to focus on work when I was getting called names, stared at, laughed at, getting things thrown at me," she said. "It affected my social time, because I didn't have many friends and no matter where I walked in the school, someone said something mean to me. Lunch time always made me really anxious because I didn't know where to go or who to go to at all."

Service providers and community groups say they are listening and working together to provide support.

"We have heard from both youth and parents in our community that they do want some help in healing and how to move forward," said Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time. "I think we would all say, and we're all committed as service providers together, to be able to help support the community in healing, in building resilience. We have found that isolation plays a huge role, lack of connectedness plays a huge role, in people becoming unattached, more likely to feel depressed. If they are anxious, to feel more anxious, and despair."

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Something has to be done. These children don't feel safe in our little town.

— Deb McLean

"We all have both a responsibility but also resources in order to aid in that healing," said Katherine MacIver, superintendent of safe and accepting schools, Trillium Lakelands District School Board. "We're all very open to the voices, especially of our youth, that can really help us to steer toward what is needed. A lot of open ears, but also a lot of people looking to provide information and support."

Through Point in Time initiatives, students have held a coffeehouse once a month at Baked and Battered, and hosted mental health displays at Rails End Gallery as well as at the high school. HHSS continues to host clubs and sporting activities and brings in multiple community partners including Haliburton Highlands Health Services to engage with students through the school's guidance department. A school climate survey, administered by the Ministry of Education every two years, launches this week, and provides students, parents and later teachers and school staff the opportunity to answer an anonymous survey about the atmosphere in school surrounding both bullying and mental health.

"We can drill down and have a look at, within one school, how are [students] feeling regarding bullying or school climate, it asks around specific questions for measures for anxiety, it asks around measures for school involvement, caring adults, so each of our schools will be able to use this data as far as forward planning as well based on really hearing that student voice," said MacIver.

But still, community agencies agreed that not one agency is isolated in being able to help youth in difficult times and that involvement from the community as a whole is necessary.

"I think as a community what we really need to do and what we're trying to do together is pull the community and work with the community, the youth, the service clubs, the providers in the community to figure out what can we do for youth and what are they asking for," said Cox. "Over the years I've spent a lot of time talking with youth about what do they really see as high priority in our community and they're saying, resoundingly, that they don't feel like they have the big kind of recreation space opportunities that other communities have. Other communities might have a Y or a Boys and Girls Club or Parks and Rec facility where they could come together. And what they're asking for is a safe space. A space where they can come together, that they can help co-create and that they can get involved in. And getting involved feeling like they have some control, feeling like they have some respect and an opportunity to be together and be supported by caring adults including themselves, is really the road map to helping us heal our

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Gathering space needed for young people outside of school

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community.”

“That lack of a gathering space actually exacerbates the impacts that social media has, because it becomes really the way to connect,” said Stephanie MacLaren, VP of community services for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

“What we’re finding with social media is that our students are having a hard time getting away from it,” said MacIver.

“It’s heightened, and then it’s hyped up because you’re physically in isolation as well,” said Cox.

Cox also said that parents might be feeling their teen needs more space and tend to back away from them at that age, but that the human brain continues to form up to the age of about 25.

“It can be easy to disengage with your teenager, but it’s more important than ever to find a way in,” she said. “Whether it’s just sitting beside them if they’re more introverted and not wanting to talk. But to be with them, to have more face to face time, try to find more ways to have time together. One of the things that people have found is that increased parent time with their teen has really helped teens feel more supported and help mitigate isolation and really help give teens and adolescents the type of foundation that’s helpful into adulthood.”

MacIver said the TLDSB takes their bullying prevention and intervention procedure seriously, and that if something is reported, it gets investigated. She said the best case scenario would be that students have a relationship with adults in the building, who have a legal responsibility to report bullying. The school also has an anonymous reporting mechanism on their website, and many instances get reported from parents contacting the school directly.

“We know that in situations where bullying occurs, that sometimes it means that the person that’s doing the bullying has learned about it because they’ve been bullied themselves,” said Cox. “There’s

very often bystanders, and we know the importance of trying to encourage people not to be complicit in the bullying by being silent, we want people to be taking action. Everybody in this community has a role and a responsibility.”

“In our high schools we tend to talk about bullying more as harassment because there’s a legal piece to this as well,” said MacIver. “When there is clear harassment and students are being clearly bullied and harassed, those are things we work with our police partners on as well.”

“The OPP works very closely with our education and community partners to deliver, where required, proactive messaging to promote mental health awareness and we support safe and positive learning environments,” said Const. Dianna Dauphinee. “And should an incident take place, we will always carry out thorough and detailed investigations – when laws are broken, criminal charges will be laid and it is up to the judicial system to interpret the work that has been done by the police and rule accordingly. We encourage victims of bullying to report these incidents to police. We won’t know there is a problem, if we don’t hear from the victims.”

“If parents have youth or if youth are struggling significantly, individually, there are support services out there,” said MacLaren. “There’s really no wrong door to reach out – to your family doctor, to Point in Time, to mental health services – that will make sure they get connected with the proper support.”

“We really encourage people to try and make Haliburton County as an inclusive and accepting community as possible, where people respect each other, people care about each other, people reach out to support each other and that we all come together to create a better community for our youth,” said Cox.

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Lower interest in activities and lower performance at school
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Injuries, bruising, damaged clothing or articles
Appears unhappy, irritable
Trouble sleeping, nightmares
Threats to hurt themselves or others
May appear isolated from the peer group

Relationship Signs of Being Bullied

Parents may be overprotective, restrictive
Siblings may bully child at home
Lonely and isolated at school
Few friends at school or in neighbourhood
Teachers may be unaware of child’s strengths and challenges and therefore unresponsive to needs
Few opportunities to shine and show talents at home, school or in the community (positive power)

Emotional & Behavioural Signs of Bullying Others

Aggressive with parents, siblings, pets, and friends
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Holds a positive view of aggression
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Relationship Signs of Bullying Others

Parents may model use of power and aggression by yelling, hitting or rejecting child
Parents may model use of power and aggression with each other
Siblings may bully child at home
Child has friends who bully and are aggressive
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Few opportunities to shine and show talents at home, school or in the community (positive power)

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Province steps in, ends weeks-long strike

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Ontario’s longest college strike has come to an end.

The provincial government tabled back-to-work legislation after an emergency weekend debate on Nov. 19 to get instructors back into the classroom on Nov. 20 and students in class the next day, Nov. 21, after five weeks of college faculty strike.

Eighty-seven per cent of striking faculty rejected the latest college offer on Nov. 16, prompting the Ontario government to pass the legislation.

More than 12,000 faculty and 500,000 students have been affected by the strike, which began Oct. 16. OPSEU, represent-

ing staff at 24 public colleges in Ontario, and the College Employer Council, which bargains on behalf of the province’s colleges, have been unable to reach an agreement on key issues that include protecting full-time jobs, outsourcing, salaries, job security and academic freedom.

A class-action lawsuit has begun on behalf of students looking for tuition and fee refunds.

Colleges are taking different approaches to ensuring students don’t lose their semester, with some extending the semester and offering longer schedules, online components and Saturday classes.

Students at Fleming’s Haliburton Campus can access updates at flemingcollege.ca/faculty-labour-negotiations or by calling 705-749-5550.

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County's largest municipality pays council the least

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In Algonquin Highlands, councillors receive approximately \$18,500 in payment, the deputy-mayor \$22,000 and the mayor about \$27,000. In Minden Hills, the figures are similar, with councillors paid \$18,000, the deputy-mayor \$21,500, and the mayor approximately \$27,000.

In Highlands East, councillors are paid approximately \$16,000 per year, the deputy-mayor about \$20,000, and the mayor approximately \$24,000.

Deputy-mayors and mayors sit on county council and are also compensated at the upper-tier level.

"Basically, what we did was look at the current rates for the other municipalities," chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee told councillors. "We didn't go outside of the county at this time because we felt there was enough information, just internally."

At the direction of council, Casey and Councillor Susan Norcross had met on Nov. 3 to review and compare the rates.

It was recommended the mayor's pay increase by \$500 a year to approximately \$26,700; the deputy-mayor be paid at 80 per cent of the mayor's salary at approximately \$21,400; and councillors be paid at 70 per cent of the mayor's salary, at approximately \$18,700.

Casey noted those percentages were based on common benchmarks of 85 per cent for deputies and 75 per cent for councillors.

It was also recommended the township adopt health benefits for councillors, a practice common in other municipalities.

"We've not had benefits here before,"

Norcross said.

While benefits for councillors have been explored in the past, it was determined that adding Dysart et al's seven councillors to the township's insurance plan would cost an additional \$30,000 a year and was considered too cost-constrictive. The plan is also restricted to an age limit of 70.

What was recommended instead was the creation of personal health spending accounts for councillors, of up to \$2,000 each per annum. This is a system used in some municipalities, and unused medical money goes back into township coffers.

With the recommended pay increase and adoption of personal health accounts, the financial impact would have amounted to an increase of nearly \$38,000 for the year.

It was something some members of council were uncomfortable with.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said she was fine with councillors' compensation where it was, along with a cost-of-living increase in the township's bylaw, and that she was aware of the compensation rate when she ran for council.

As he had at the October meeting, Casey said the issue, for him, was that the municipality needed to offer more competitive compensation to be able to attract quality people to council in the future.

"I think it's going to be tough enough as it is," Casey said, adding that younger generations seems less interested in serving on local municipal councils.

He said the reason for the proposed jump was that the township had kept councillors' pay so low for so long. He also pointed out that Dysart et al had the

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— Councillor Susan Norcross

largest population of the county's townships.

Like Wood-Roberts, Councillor Walt McKechnie thought the current cost-of-living increases councillors receive was enough, and should be the only way council's pay is increased. McKechnie said the jump in rates would be too much for the public to stomach.

"I don't care how you spin this, the people out there, the people we're representing, they're going to say, 'you're a bunch of schmucks,'" McKechnie said.

Casey responded that a number of people he's talked to have been astounded at the low level of Dysart et al councillors' pay.

Deputy-mayor Andrea Roberts, who was supportive of the increase, acknowl-

edged the topic was an awkward one, because councillors were talking about their own payment.

"It is about fairness," she said. "I know you don't like to look at what everyone else makes, but that's what we do for most jobs."

"I definitely think the time has come," Robert said.

"It's kind of reminiscent of Kathleen Wynne and the minimum wage go up 30 per cent, all in one whack," said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

"I'm happy with what I'm doing. If you guys want to raise it up, go for it."

Fearrey, who's been in office more than four decades, acknowledged that he was likely to blame for the municipality having the smallest councillor pay cheques in the county.

"I don't disagree that we're low," he said. "We've always been low."

Norcross pointed to the size of the discrepancy.

"The public at large needs to understand that they [councillors in other municipalities] are \$4,000 and \$5,000 more," she said. "I don't understand why the largest township is the less-paid."

Norcross later said it was pretty sad that Dysart et al's deputy-mayor makes less than councillors in other townships.

"It's embarrassing," she said.

McKechnie asked about the possibility of phasing in an increase and Fearrey said that he could potentially support an amended proposal.

Ultimately the proposal as it had been drafted was voted down, and it was recommended an amended version come back to the council table.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

We need to listen

AS A COMMUNITY, we haven't been doing a good enough job listening to young people.

Among us we find examples of exceptional people going out of their way to help kids and teenagers, but as a collective we haven't done enough.

Over the last couple of weeks, social media has become the gathering place for parents and students to raise alarm about a range of concerns.

Chief among them: young people are being bullied and they're feeling helpless. There's not enough for them to do and they don't know where to turn.

In short, we're not supporting them enough.

The individual posts are heart-breaking to read. As one student told Sue Tiffin in her story in this week's *Echo*, other students have used social media to send her anonymous messages calling her ugly and fat, telling her that she wasn't good enough for her boyfriend.

Another recent graduate from the high school recounted being laughed at, harassed and having things thrown at her while at school.

And there is a disturbing trend of students telling one another to "go kill yourself," according to Facebook posts and people we've spoken to.

While supports in the schools and in the community exist, students are still struggling. Many say they're not feeling heard; they say it's too easy for bullies to get away with their damaging behaviour.

There is also a notable absence of places for students to go while not at school.

As Point in Time executive director Marg Cox pointed out, Haliburton doesn't have a YMCA or Boys' and Girls' Club. There is no after-hours place for young people to go that is neutral and safe.

Efforts have been made to create these spaces on special occasions, but the institutions just don't exist. "[They need] a space where they can come together, that they can help co-create and that they can get involved in," Cox said.

"And getting involved feeling like they have some control, feeling like they have some respect and an opportunity to be together and be supported by caring adults including themselves, is really the road map to helping us heal our community."

Dysart et al has taken a big step in committing to the creation of

the new skate park, which should be complete by spring. It's a signal that the needs of young people are important and the town is willing to invest in opportunities for them.

We need to be doing more of this.

How often do we see teenagers or adults in their early 20s taking part in our decision-making practices? How often do we solicit their opinions as we plan events or invest in new projects? How often do we plan events and invest in projects explicitly for them?

There's some very good work being done by passionate people in this town to support teenagers, but more of us need to be doing more.

Where do we start? Let's ask them.



jenn watt

Editorial



Morning frost

by Darren Lum

Rich and richer

SARAH AND MITCH had never been down this road before. It twisted and turned up and down past thick forest and rock outcroppings. Just like back home, thought Sarah. They were on their way to visit Mitch's cousins in their new house.

Eventually they drove down a long, almost hidden driveway, arriving at a huge house hugging the shore of a prestigious lake. It was a beautiful setting. No neighbours with acres of forest all around. As they pulled up cousin Brenda was rummaging through a trailer full of cardboard boxes. She seemed to be searching for something. Looking up, she smiled and called to her husband Dave to come greet their guests.

At first there was no response from inside. Sarah and Mitch stood alongside the trailer trying to make small talk while Brenda continued pawing through the boxes. She explained she was looking for a particular box before a friend came to take them all away. Then Dave appeared, looking a bit rumpled and apologetic for his slow arrival. Brenda glanced at him, and rolled her eyes.

After an awkward silence, Sarah and Mitch were ushered through the entrance. Dave and Brenda had only moved in a week ago yet Sarah was amazed at how much had already been unpacked. Dave explained he had seen a photo of the house in a magazine and decided they simply had to have it.

Inside, the house was jaw-droppingly dramatic with room after spacious room, many of which overlooked the lake through enormous windows. Dave took Mitch and Brenda took Sarah, each going in different directions for a tour of the house.

As they walked around, Brenda confided to Sarah that she had had to do all the packing and now the unpacking herself because Dave couldn't handle the pressure of the move. Yes the movers had taken care of a lot but Brenda was particular about her things and didn't trust them not to break items. Sarah was aghast at what looked to have been and remained a large task for one person.

She asked Brenda how she had managed such a big undertaking and the reply

was quick. "I'm used to it," she stated brusquely, leading the way into yet another large space. This one was full of furniture and more boxes and would eventually be the great hall, Brenda explained.

They enjoyed a tasty lunch at a small bistro table tucked off to the side of the kitchen. The lake sparkled in the early afternoon sun. The two couples chatted about family and plans for the coming winter. Brenda and Dave would be heading south for a few months. Sarah and Mitch would stay at home and hoped to get lots of snowshoeing in.

Later, on the drive home, Sarah and Mitch shared their impressions of the afternoon. To start, Sarah couldn't understand why two people needed such a big house. Mitch replied status and impressing others had always been important to Dave. But, Sarah noted, neither one of them seemed all that happy.

Mitch told her Dave had struggled with depression for years and Brenda, when she wasn't at the doctor's for real or imagined illnesses, took up the slack. She was the social one and would keep busy with her card-playing

friends while Dave would probably sit at home watching television.

After arriving at their own modest little bungalow, Sarah made them each a cup of coffee and they sat out on their back deck in what was probably going to be the last warm day of autumn. Most of the leaves had fallen and they watched blue jays and hairy woodpeckers colouring on the bird feeders, their beautiful colours bright against the dark woods beyond. The pond still held some water and a slight breeze rippled its surface. In the spring it would be full and home to frogs and the occasional duck.

After supper they'd take Alfie the lab and go for a nice long walk together to the store for a newspaper. They carried a flashlight as it was now dark so early. Sarah liked these walks. Sometimes they chatted as they walked and other times simply enjoyed the companionable silence.

As she started supper preparations, Sarah thought back over the afternoon. She couldn't help but feel very lucky for the life she had.

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points of view

The fast and the furriness

IT CANNOT BE easy being a mouse in today's tough economy, especially if the number of cats on Instagram is any indication.

I convey this as someone who can honestly relate to many of the issues that rural mice face.

I too get nervous when I am around big cats and have difficulty reaching the top shelf. Also, I am basically small, grey and furry. As such, I feel their pain. I truly do.

More than that, however, I enjoy traditional mouse culture. I honestly think there's nothing more satisfying than scurrying out from under a chair and startling people or sneaking around the kitchen in the middle of the night to nibbling on forbidden cheese.

And you won't find a bigger fan of Fievel Mousekewitz than me. *An American Tail* is still my favourite movie, despite the lack of car chases and explosions.

Having said all this, I draw the line at carjacking. I don't care how down and out a mouse is, there's really no excuse for it.

Yet this is exactly what happened this morning to my Jenn as she was driving to work. The worst part is it was only when she looked in the rear-view mirror that she knew trouble was breathing down her neck. That is when she saw a mouse perched menacingly on top of the seat behind her.

Most people would have screamed like a frightened child – but not Jenn.

Instead, she did some quick thinking and immediately parked the car and got out, locking the mouse in, presumably as it was struggling to pick up the tire iron. And just like that, a carjacking was averted. Otherwise, she might be



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Loon Tales

nervously driving to the Warkwarth Cheese Factory right now.

After locking it in, she went into the office and returned to the car with a vigilante mob of co-workers and a mouse trap smeared with peanut butter. She also called me and agreed I could show up but only if I didn't bring a high-powered rifle.

Agreeing to this, I showed up with longbow in hand.

Seconds after I bravely breached the vehicle from the hatch, I witnessed carnage and unimaginable pain caused by a sprung mouse trap – mostly because I have a weakness for peanut butter.

As a result of my heroic and surprisingly loud whimpering, I believe I scared the mouse off.

And frankly, I'm glad I did.

You see, I had encountered this mouse just a week prior when I found him squatting under a barbecue cover on my back deck. After screaming like a frightened child, I asked it to leave. And that's when things got rough.

It was a tough fight – some would call it a draw – but I eventually drove that beast, using nothing but a corn broom and uncommon valor, off of our back deck, toward the driveway where we, coincidentally, park our cars.

I suppose that mouse had a choice between my SUV and Jenn's car and, perhaps because my car was loaded with old fishing waders and hunting gear, chose her vehicle.

In any case, be on the lookout for a rodent, about one inch high, with a tail between two and three inches long. He's wearing a shabby grey coat, has a long moustache, beady eyes and pointy nose. He has no discernible tattoos or distinguishing features but looks a bit like Ryan Seacrest.

If you see this mouse hanging around parking lots, steer clear – he's tougher than he looks. I suspect that because he's addicted to Crackerbarrel.

All I know is that next time we meet I won't let him intimidate me again. Better yet, I'm going to buy a few mouse traps to place in each of our vehicles since, apparently, they have no respect for locked doors.

I'm just not going to bait them with peanut butter.



pic of the past

Can you help George Pratt solve a mystery? George sent in this image for pic of the past in hopes that someone out there knows the names of these students. "All we know at the moment is that the gal on the viewer's left in the back row is Ria Finlay, of the great Finlay clan of Tory Hill environs," he writes. This photo is from November of 1939 and is marked "Haliburton Cont. School." If you know any of the other people in the photo, give the *Echo* a call at 705-457-1037 or email jenn@haliburtonpress.com. Have a pic of the past to share? Bring it in to the office at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Hwy 118 hazardous

To the Editor,

I have driven along 118 west a number of times since the summer. The construction on the hill was quite extensive. A good job was done but it is not finished and is extremely dangerous.

I had the pleasure of attending a wonderful concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Saturday night. The drive home, however, was very difficult and precarious. Arduous because it was raining and blowing and freezing and snowing. Grueling because there is no centre line from Haliburton west for many kilometres. Instead of the centre line which affords safety, there is simply a series of small squares in the middle of the road. These squares may be adequate in daylight but are unacceptable at night. Due to the difficult weather conditions coupled with the time of day following the concert, these

squares were all but invisible. It was a huge struggle to determine where the middle of the road was and therefore, just as hard to know where the right shoulder began. The squares actually disappeared with the glare from oncoming headlights.

This hazardous situation demands immediate attention by the powers that be to have proper lines painted on the road. It matters not whether the road has had a final coating of asphalt. These lines are imperative for the safety of the drivers in Haliburton County. With the onset of early darkness and winter weather, the lines become crucial.

I trust that the politicians and bureaucrats will see to this situation immediately. Our safety depends on it.

George Denny
Benoir Lake

Poppy campaign thanks

To the Editor,

Re: Remembrance Day

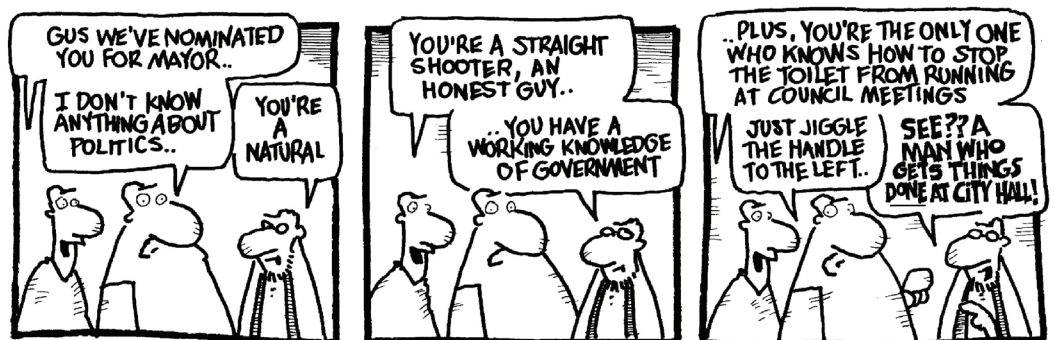
Thank you, Haliburton for your wonderful response to the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance

Day Service this year. Our volunteers were very impressed with the response and generosity of everyone.

We will remember them.

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All eight of Ontario's bat species found in county

JENN WATT

Editor

Using information gathered this year, biologist Paul Heaven will be returning to bat roost sites in 2018 to better understand how the animals choose the locations they do and to gather more information on the populations that live in the county.

Heaven spent the months of May through August setting up ultrasonic recording devices to identify bat species throughout Haliburton County with funding obtained by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

The project asked local residents to report bat sightings to the land trust. Then Heaven would follow up, requesting permission to place a recorder on the property for three or four nights.

Plenty of people responded and the results demonstrate that the county has all eight species of bats that reside in Ontario, including the four endangered species: little brown myotis, northern myotis, tri-coloured bat and small-footed myotis.

However, the presence of the bats doesn't indicate the populations are in good health. Heaven said white-nose syndrome has taken a heavy toll on bats across the province, in some hibernation sites wiping out the colony altogether.

"We're not seeing many of the tri-coloured bats and northern myotis," Heaven said. "I think we are feeling the effect of the white-nose syndrome, particularly with those species."

Little brown myotis were the most prevalent, found at 26 of the 56 sites vis-

ited.

While at some sites there might be between 20 and 200 calls recorded, there were a few that had as many as 6,000 calls recorded.

"What we expect is going on there is these areas of high activity are actually maternity sites, where you've got the females and pups all grouping together," he said.

"It's really exciting to see these potential maternity roost sites scattered throughout the county where these moms and pups are foraging and roosting."

The two-year project is funded with \$104,000 from the Ontario Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, which pays for the study as well as the educational component, bat box building workshops and bringing in expert speakers.

In the coming year, Heaven said there will be more opportunities to teach area residents about bats and he intends to develop best practices materials. "What does a landowner do with a bat population in their attic? Things like that," he said.

This project fits into the mandate of the land trust, which sets out three priorities: acquisition, research and education.

"We also wanted to make sure that whatever we do ... involves our own lands to a certain degree," said land trust chairwoman Mary-Lou Gerstl. "We certainly wanted something we could do on our land. Something that involved community to bring awareness."

The land trust has four properties and bats were identified at all of them.

Heaven said while the recordings

allow him to identify species of bats, it does not monitor the population size.

"You could get one bat that's just going around the bat recorder or you could get many bats that are going by once," he said. "We don't really know what's going on with the population."

He also pointed out that the research is skewed to favour bats that reside around the forest edge, since sites were selected based on local residents reporting sightings. Bats that prefer the forest, such as the northern myotis, may have been found less frequently because of the way the project was set up.

Gerstl said the next phase of the project will be for Heaven to return to some of the sites for follow up.

Educational materials will also stress the importance of preserving bat habitat.

Turtle mortality project continues to inform

The land trust's turtle project was one of the features of a recent conference in Quebec City hosted by Corridor Appalachian and the Ontario Road Ecology Group.

Paul Heaven did a presentation about the Haliburton County project, which was co-ordinated by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

"There was tremendous interest in our project and results," Heaven said.

The presentation demonstrated that a standard culvert "functions exceptionally well if combined with a well built barrier wall," he said. "You don't need to spend money on high-end underpasses."

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It's really exciting to see these potential maternity roost sites scattered throughout the county.

— Paul Heaven

Representatives from universities as well as the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and its Quebec counterpart made inquiries about the Haliburton project, asking for copies of the report.

Land trust chairwoman Mary-Lou Gerstl said \$9,000 of funding received by her organization has been given to the county to take over maintenance of the turtle wall, which is on Gelert Road near Wintergreen Pancake Barn.

"The turtle project was one that was near and dear to the hearts of people in the county," said Gerstl, who is pleased the research continues to be shared and inspires other municipalities to replicate their work.

She said she hopes when the county does future road projects it keeps the turtle barriers in mind.

"This is such a cheap and ideal way to limit any damage that's done [to turtle populations]. It's just a no-brainer as far as we're concerned," she said.

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Skate park to be completed this spring

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Committee members for the Haliburton Junction Skate Park are excited. With some 68 per cent of the park complete this autumn, the park is expected to be fully completed by the spring, said skate park committee member Andrea Mueller.

Mueller, the Dysart recreation co-ordinator, said the committee is happy about the progress of the 6,000-square-foot skateboard park although it won't be finished this year. The most challenging features are complete, she said.

Mueller said the Haliburton skate park will be the first project Radius Contracting will tackle for 2018. Weather pending, construction is expected to resume in April.

The common sentiment expressed on the Haliburton Junction Skateboard Park Facebook page was of excitement and anticipation for the spring completion.

Committee member Pasi Posti appreciates the new details added to the park since the company was on-site.

"It's taken it from being a Honda Civic to an Acura," he said. "There's tweaks they've done to the park that they have only been able to make now that they have seen how the park is going in."

The additions, which did not cost anything extra, will give the park better transitions from area to area, improving the flow for riders/skaters, he said.

One of them is situated at the end of the "main obstacle." It is altered to "promote better flow" and "ease of use" for an enjoyable experience for skaters and riders.

Chief among them is the "doggy door," essentially a cutout of one of the main obstacles on the street section, made to resemble the Hawk Lake Log Chute, a



The Haliburton Junction Skate Park is expected to be completed in April 2018 after work began a few weeks ago. The 6,000-square-foot park has been enhanced without any added costs. Fundraising continues as the project still requires \$40,000 to pay for the \$210,000 balance. /DARREN LUM Staff

nod to local logging history. Some of these new touches were inspired by visits around the neighbourhood by the designers and crew of Radius Contracting, he said.

"They're really trying to incorporate local flavour and heritage into the park so that it's not just generic. They're taking it from being a generic park to Haliburton's park," he said.

Posti said he isn't concerned about the status of the project.

"There's no sense in rushing this. They're putting in extra effort, if any-

thing," he said.

The fundraising for the skate park continues with \$40,000 still needed.

Donations of \$50 or more will receive a tax receipt. Donations can be made by in person at the Dysart municipal office, by mail or on our Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/fb75ysb8>

Posti said this park might just be a little beyond his skating abilities, but he's excited nonetheless and has heard only excitement from the skateboard community through social media.

"I would be excited to get a chance to

roll around in this park if it were anywhere in Canada, but to have it right here at home is beyond words. It's something that is already gaining a buzz in the skate community and it's not even built. It's literally going on the skate map," he said.

When asked about who this skateboard park suits the best, Posti said it will provide an opportunity for young people.

"It's almost like buying a kid's skate a size bigger. They can grow into it," he said. "People have asked me that: Well, is it a beginner park or advanced? Kids just have to grow into it."



Skate park receives big donation

Total Site Services and Pat Casey helped the skate park committee come closer to reaching its goal last week with a donation of \$23,000.

"It's an investment in our youth," Casey said of making the choice to donate.

At a public information session on Tuesday, Nov. 14, attendees provided plenty of ideas for future programming and fundraising for the park.

So far, the committee has raised \$170,000 with another \$40,000 to go.

They are confident the remaining

money will be generated in the next few months.

The skate park committee will be hosting Battle of the Bands on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. It will open and close with Cassidy Glecoff and her band, Northborne. The committee is looking for other bands and musicians to perform. There is no cost to enter and prizes will be awarded.

If you are interested in performing, get in touch with Andrea Mueller at amueller@dysartetal.ca or 705-457-1740.



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Award brings attention to public health in the Highlands

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Local health promoter Sue Shikaze was honoured to be this year's recipient of Ontario Public Health Association's Award of Excellence.

"Any time someone recognizes you for something it's a really great surprise and honour," she said.

Shikaze accepted the award at the OPHA's annual Fall Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Chestnut Conference Centre in Toronto. She was notified by phone by the executive director prior to the ceremony.

Shikaze has been working for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit in Haliburton and involved with public health since 2005.

OPHA is a member-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide leadership on issues affecting the public's health and to strengthen the impact of people who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario, according to materials provided by Shikaze.

She said this recognition is an opportunity to shine an important spotlight on the achievements and efforts of public health, which can be difficult to see, since benefits are achieved in the long term.

Locally, Shikaze is most proud of achievements in active transportation, which can be seen with the Share the Road campaign. Share the Road was a partnership-based effort that included the local health unit, the Communities In Action (CIA) committee, Haliburton County and the four municipalities of the county and the Ontario Provincial Police.

It's also satisfying for Shikaze to see healthy living and active transportation policies implemented in the official plans for the municipalities.

"Prior to 2010 those really didn't exist," she said.

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If you want to look good, work with good people because when you work with good people great things happen.

— Sue Shikaze



Local health promoter Sue Shikaze holds her Ontario Public Health Association's Award of Excellence, which was presented to her at the annual OPHA Fall Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Chestnut Conference Centre in Toronto. Shikaze, who has been working for the health unit in Haliburton and involved with public health since 2005, won the award for being a public health champion./DARREN LUM Staff

"When you get those policies in place that is a starting point for seeing changes implemented on the ground."

This isn't Shikaze's first award.

She has accepted awards from Communities In Action and was named an "enviro-hero" by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. However, this is her

first award from a provincial public health organization.

"It's been a really good learning experience for me and really good professional development to be able to network with other public health colleagues who are doing great work in other places in Ontario. It enriches the work I do locally as well," she said.

Getting to learn about how other health units do things broadens her perspective and helps her apply that knowledge here.

"The other thing that's really good about working at a provincial level on initiatives with people is we know in public health that policy is what guides action and decision, so locally we work on advocating for healthy policies that will impact health. Provincially it's important to do that too because there is a trickle-down effect," she said.

She is grateful to have been nominated by her peers from across the province for her body of work, which includes provincial efforts. She has been a member of OPHA's Built Environment Work Group, including being its co-chair for close to four years.

"That gave me the opportunity to have a leadership role with other public health colleagues working on provincial level initiatives. It was mostly people from that group who put together my nomination," she said.

This nomination group included last year's award recipient Kevin Haley, an environmental health specialist with York Region's community and health services department. Haley is currently the co-chair of OPHA's Health and the Built Environment Work-group.

Coincidentally, Shikaze was a part of a group that helped nominate Haley for his award.

"I have a lot of respect for Kevin. I've learned a lot from him. We're sort of [part of] the mutual admiration society," she said, smiling.

From her acceptance speech in Toronto, she recalls saying, "If you want to look good, work with good people because when you work with good people great things happen."

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Staff Reporter

Standing in Glebe Park, Andrea Mueller and Kate Butler laugh about the upcoming event all about embracing the company of others and being silly.

The Ugly Sweater Run, in its fifth year, is taking place Sunday, Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. at the park, which is steps away from the Haliburton Highlands Museum. It's an inclusive, family-friendly event.

Mueller, who is the Dysart recreation co-ordinator, loves how the run enlivens the season's spirit at a time of year that is largely grey.

"We just want people to come out and have fun. It is a busy time of year for people. If they can just come and wear a funky sweater, have a good time. It's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise at the end of November when the weather is not so great," she said. "Look at today: it's bleak; it's grey. But [during the event] you see some people wearing silly sweaters, smiling and having a good time. It adds to it."

Mueller promises snow, but not in the usual sense.

"There will be snow," Mueller said. "There won't be necessarily snow on the ground, but there will be snow inside the museum so you can make a snowman ... a take-home snowman."

Free to the public, the event also includes refreshments and Christmas treats, crafting for children and adults, children's activities, Christmas music and Nostalgic Christmas at the Museum from noon to 3 p.m. Participant sweaters will be judged at 11 a.m. with the five kilometre run (with shorter alternate route also available) starting right after.

There will be an opportunity for participants to add to their sweaters from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the museum on the second floor.

"We'll have some crafty supplies so if you look at your sweater that morning [and think] 'it looks good, but I want more,' come on by a little early and we'll have



Kate Butler, left, and Andrea Mueller invite the public to this year's Ugly Sweater Run on Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, where it will start and finish. The organizers love the event's simplicity and the joy it brings. The free event is open to everyone and begins at 10 a.m. with the run (and walk) starting just after the sweater contest judging at 11 a.m. /DARREN LUM Staff

everything you'll need," said Butler, the director at the museum.

Financial donations are welcome and will contribute to the Elf Drive at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The drive provides for families in need with food for Christmas dinner and gifts for children.

The museum is located at 66 Museum Rd. and is accessed by Bayshore Road off of Highway 118 in Haliburton. The event welcomes walkers and runners of different levels. One participant is nine-year-old Violet

Humphries, who is planning to wear 150 bells to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary.

If you can help with the bells, contact her mother, Joleen Thomas at joleenthomas@hotmail.com.

Pets are welcome to join in the fun. They must be on a leash for the event. Registration is from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

For more information contact Kate Butler at info@the-haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com or 705-457-2760 or Andrea Mueller at amueller@dysartetal.ca or 705-457-1740.

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Royal success for teen entrepreneur

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There has been a buzz on social media for the Highlands' newest young entrepreneur Morgan Burke since she exhibited at the 95th annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held from Nov. 3 to 12 at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

The Grade 10 student is the owner and founder of The Birds and the Bees, a business that specializes in bees and wax products.

Late last week, there were more than 300 supportive and complimentary comments posted to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's Facebook page for Morgan, who they said was one of the youngest exhibitors ever. Burke only saw them – at the behest of her mother – a week ago was taken aback.

"I was amazed. I didn't think that it would grow so quickly," she said.

The growth of her business was set into hyperdrive when it was included among the more than 300 commercial exhibitors at the Royal.

Days later she was still blown away when she recounted her city experience.

With more than 300,000 visitors, the Royal offered a great business opportunity, but also provided the teen a chance to meet with people and to educate others about her passion for honey production and to learn from others.

"You get to talk to all these different people from different places. I met a couple of beekeepers. They gave me some tips," she said, referring to improving harvesting and caring for bees, and ensuring hives are healthy.

The Royal almost didn't happen for Morgan, who said the cost to exhibit was prohibitive.

When The Royal's commercial exhibit manager Heather Sommer learned of Morgan's story she worked with the Burkes to diminish the challenge.

With more than a thousand applications to review to exhibit commercially at The Royal, there is an important process required to have one of the spots for prospective agricultural and agri-education exhibit space.

Sommer said she learned about Morgan from the Burkes, Highlands and area farmers' markets, and the *Echo* article published in August.

"What we learned about this young entrepreneur was impressive. It became quite clear that Morgan herself was very different than our standard applicants," Sommer wrote in a prepared statement. "Part of the intrigue was her age. At 15, Morgan's dedication towards learning about bees, educating people about bees and pollination, the how-to aspects of setting up a registered business, attending seminars, learning how to make all of the products is something quite remarkable! This was definitely something that needed to be included in our event."

The Royal also wanted Morgan to be included in the event because of her goal to educate is as important as her commercial goals.

"Her story, her purpose and her drive was a key factor in our consideration for re-evaluating costs. As this was a blended artisanal craft, food and most importantly an education booth, the standard fixed commercial rate did not fit entirely. Instead we were able to work within Morgan's budget for this special booth space," Sommer wrote in a prepared statement.

She continued, saying Morgan was well-received by everyone that purchased from her and, in particular, to other young people.

"She absolutely inspired with her own

journey story, and spoke to countless students who were here on educational school trips. We hope that the experience here at The Royal, education gained, and funds earned will help her excel in this business adventure. We feel very fortunate to be a small part in what we hope is a successful, growing agricultural based business," she wrote.

This accommodation and how she was treated will never be forgotten by the still stunned Morgan.

"I was so surprised by how much support I was getting from everyone. It is such a big community. I never thought I'd see myself in the shoes of a vendor at the Royal Winter Fair. It was really amazing to go. I've never been a vendor at a such a large show. It was a big show for us to go down," she said.

The Royal's CEO Charlie Johnstone personally presented Burke with a large ribbon for earning the Staff's Pick for best in customer service and Best Display. Burke received the honour a few days before the end of the event.

Johnstone, who responded in an email, said he learned about the Haliburton teen from staff, as they "found her knowledgeable, enthusiastic and engaging."

"The Royal is the forefront opportunity to showcase innovative artisanal agricultural based products. The Royal proudly supports entrepreneurs in reaching their business goals. As an entrepreneur myself I understand the time and sacrifice required to develop a business and build it to its full potential. Entrepreneurs and small businesses are the future of our great country," he said. "As a father of four I have a personal vested interest in helping young adults. If sharing my journey and experiences can assist a young entrepreneurs like Morgan than I'm more than happy to do so. I look forward to watching Morgan's journey."

Johnstone gave her contact information and encouraged her to ask questions when possible.

Morgan is thankful to Sommer and Johnstone.

She said up to this point in her business career, the largest show has ever exhibited at were the various farmers markets she has sold her products at this past summer in the Highlands and in the area.

She is in disbelief about coming from the rural markets to end up in Toronto recently.

"It's hard to adjust from coming from a small town. I had only done local markets to this big demographic of people in Toronto. It took a while to sink in. It's hard to believe," she said.

Sales were brisk. She easily doubled her total profits for the year at close to a week show in Toronto.

Halfway through the week, they ran out of products.

Her parents helped. Her mother stayed with the booth during the week while her father drove the teen back to Haliburton to go to school and to prepare products to take back when she returned Friday.

While at home for school, Morgan worked from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. each evening to replenish stock. Her best-seller at the fair was her Monkey Farts lip balm. She sold out of lotion bars, and she almost completely sold out of honey. With just 12 500 gram jars left and a Christmas rush expected, she has already been in discussion with local beekeepers to help her bridge the gap until the spring when she will harvest honey again.

It wasn't all work and no play for Burke, who watched the rodeo on the last day of the fair.

"That was kind of my gift to myself," she said.

Burke is very aware of the support and help she has received this year.

She credits her parents, Darcy and Donna for their help from the beginning and, most recently, at the fair.

"I couldn't have done it without them," she said.

The exposure at the event is already paying off for the teen.

In addition to a Toronto store called York wanting to sell her honey, she has lined up to sell her products at 2017 ONA Biennial Convention in Toronto from Dec. 5 to 7.

Burke said she is doing her best fitting in attending and completing school work to find time to develop her new website (thebirdsandthebeesonline.ca) using an online resource with a scheduled launch for Nov. 25.

In addition to the aforementioned and her parents, Burke is appreciative for the people that have supported her such as Terry Blair, who custom designed and constructed the product display cases for the fair for free and for the Haliburton County Development Corporation and its general manager Andy Campbell, who secured Morgan's first business loan.

The teen doesn't have a specific end or ultimate goal when it comes to her business except to grow.

"I'm hoping this business will fund my future ... just whatever I'd like to do in the future, whether it be travel or education," she said.

One possibility is to travel to Australia and be able to learn more about Manuka honey, which is highly regarded for its health benefits and quality.

Her advice to other young entrepreneurs interested in running their own business: you must remember success won't happen very quickly and requires work, whether it's marketing or taking chance like going to the fair in Toronto.



Young local entrepreneur Morgan Burke was still amazed from her experience being an exhibitor at the 95th annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held from Nov. 3 to 12 at Exhibition Place in Toronto. Morgan, who is a Grade 10 student that has been running her Birds and the Bees business is appreciative to everyone./DARREN LUM Staff

"When you get into business it is a lot of work and you have to be prepared for the amount of work. There's always going to be negative people. That's what I found. I just have to take what they're telling you and kind of show them that they're wrong," she said.

Note: her Facebook business page is called The Birds and The Bees. Find her on Instagram at thebirdsandthebeesonline.

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Chamber working on strategy to counter effects of Bill 148

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Staff Reporter

With the impending Bill 148, Ontario's Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, poised to make a number of changes for employers, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is commencing work on a strategy to strengthen support of local businesses.

Among other provisions, the legislation will increase minimum wage in Ontario from \$11.60 an hour to \$14 an hour as of Jan. 1, 2018, and to \$15 an hour in 2019. The bill's "equal pay for equal work" clause means that employers will be required to pay part-time staff at the same rate as full-time employees for performing the same jobs.

Work is in preliminary stages, with a committee meeting next month to begin strategizing.

"It's a multi-faceted approach that we're looking at," said chamber president Richard Wannan, explaining the program could entail such aspects as a loyalty program, working with municipalities on their buying processes, and would ideally include a number of partners, including the Haliburton BIA and the local arts community.

"We need to support our businesses locally, not just retail, all of them," Wannan said.

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A loyalty program would see customers amass rewards points for using local businesses.

"We have to talk to our members and see what they want in an effective program," Wannan said. "We are doing some research in regard to different programs that are out there right now."

Wannan said the chamber is aiming for a spring start to the program, whatever form it may take. While he said he's not aware of any businesses that have been laying off employees specifically because of Bill 148, he said the implications could take other forms, such as the hiring of fewer seasonal employees during the busy summer season, for example.

"Businesses are going to have to have a different model, potentially," he said.

While no one expects an end to out-of-town or online shopping, Wannan said the idea is to redirect some of that traffic back to local businesses through their increased marketing.

Wannan said while some area business owners do very well, many others are just getting by.

"Small business owners here exist," he said. "There are some that are marginal."

Anyone who would like to join the committee or share their ideas is asked to contact the chamber office.



Rotary helps with Extendicare purchases

Rotary Club of Haliburton member David Zilstra, left, receives thanks from the Extendicare Haliburton residents' association for the club's donation of \$2,000 for a new TV and \$3,000 for Dymo bus transportation costs. Proud Pioneer president Neva Hobden and pastoral care committee representatives Gord Forbes and Garry Swagerman, right, met with Zilstra at the residence in Haliburton Nov. 16. The transportation is for field trips and the TV will be for reading hymn lyrics during church service as well as for movies. /DARREN LUM Staff



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A moment in time

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's commemorative time capsule plaque is screwed onto the granite rock. The plaque concept was created by Deanna Wruth and Pat Casey.



From left, Dysart et al Deputy-mayor Andrea Roberts, Councillor Susan Norcross, MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott stand with Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association president Larry Hewitt beside the granite rock that will store the time capsule on Friday, Nov. 17 at the fish hatchery. The tube had *Echo* and *Times* newspapers, trinkets, pins, embroidered logos, a keepsake from Hometown Hockey and a memory stick with photos and videos added to it. The rock was bored by Total Site Services and had a translucent plaque added to it to commemorate the occasion. This event marked the 25th anniversary for HHOA and the 20th year for the fish hatchery. The hatchery has put more than 670,000 fish in local lakes. The capsule will be opened in 25 years for the 175th anniversary for Canada./DARREN LUM Staff



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Summer festival to stage Romeo and Juliet

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Highlands Summer Festival is going back to a classic to entice a younger generation to join them on the stage this upcoming season.

At the annual announcement event at McKecks restaurant in Haliburton on Sun-



Highlands Summer Festival's artistic producer Scot Denton announced the 2018 theatrical lineup will include a locally produced *Romeo and Juliet*. Denton, who will direct *Romeo and Juliet*, is excited about having Shakespeare's play and hopes to draw youth to the stage and to the seats to watch the performance. /DARREN LUM Staff

day, HSF artistic producer Scot Denton announced that *Romeo and Juliet*, William Shakespeare's famous love story about the two "star-cross'd lovers" will kick off the festival season on July 2.

Denton wants the principal characters to be played by teens. He hopes this play will draw young people not just to the stage but also to the audience.

Following this show will be *Not Quite Sherlock*, starting on July 11.

This one-man comedy features British comedian Chris Gibbs, who "plumbs the mind of London's second most famous detective."

The James Yaffe thriller, *Cliffhanger*, will have audience members on the edge of their seats for the murder mystery that starts on July 16.

Tom Allen returns for three performances with *Weimar to Vaudeville* starting July 25.

This is a historical musical revue and features the 1920 to 1930s era and music by composers Richard Strauss, Charlie Chaplin, Fletcher Henderson, Paul Hindemith and Johannes Brahms, including original songs by the cast.

Written by A.R. Gurney, *The Dining Room* will end the summer festival with its last show on Aug. 8.

"In this fast-paced play, six actors, playing a variety of roles, will entice and enchant you as the story unfolds," the HSF press release states.

"I am certainly looking forward to this season and hope our audience finds it equally entertaining and enriching. There is something for everyone in each of the productions," Denton said in the release.

Open auditions for all the locally produced shows will be on Jan. 20 and 21 at the Haliburton United Church.

Evening shows will start earlier at 7:30 p.m. and more matinees starting at 2 p.m. have been added on Fridays and Sundays.

Unlike other years, this year a show's run will not be interrupted by guest shows.

Season passes are available for purchase. Order passes by phone at 705-457-9933 or 855-457-9933.

For more information see www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Municipal fibre project comes in under budget

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A project connecting a number of municipal facilities to the internet, or upgrading their internet services, is mostly complete and has come in under budget.

In early 2016, with support from its four lower-tier municipalities, Haliburton County entered into an agreement with Bell for the provision of internet service to municipally owned buildings.

Twenty sites had fibre installed, or had their fibre service upgraded to accommodate higher speeds. These buildings include the county office on Newcastle Street in Minden; the Minden Hills, Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al administrative offices; the Dorset Recreation Centre/library/Algonquin Highlands office on Main Street in Dorset; the Tory Hill and Minden EMS bases; the Paudash fire hall in Highlands East; the Oxtongue Lake fire hall in Algonquin Highlands; the the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and library branch; the Dysart library branch; the Wilberforce library branch; the West Guilford Community Centre; the Dysart arena; the Minden arena; the Rails End Gallery; and the Stanhope Airport.

Fibre is yet to be installed at the Harcourt Community Centre. The former community centre burned down two years ago and a report from county IT director Mike March indicated that fibre is expected to be installed at the site before the opening of the new community centre.

As a report for March explained, "for the majority of sites there was no capital costs to implement fibre optics internet. For five of the 20 locations, there was a capital build cost to be paid by the county, estimated to be \$357,000. This was to be partially funded from \$231,257 sitting in

a broadband reserve, with the remainder built into the 2017 budget. On top of that \$15,000 was required by IT for small capital and for its preparation costs (electrical work, trenching for underground duct, etc.)."

However, the work was completed for far less than anticipated.

"The final cost for the five sites with capital build expenditures payable by the county is \$186,738, an approximate 48 per cent savings over the estimated \$357,000 quoted by Bell. It is recommended that the remaining \$170,262 will remain in the reserve to be used for future broadband projects."

The project entailed the laying of some 70 kilometres of fibre in the county and March told councillors during a Nov. 8 meeting of the county's finance and correspondence committee that as a result, he was aware of at least 20 instances where local businesses have ordered fibre services and have not had to pay any provisioning costs. Along with that benefit, the project eliminated connectivity issues at the Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East offices; solved Wi-Fi capacity issues at the Dysart and Minden library branches; expanded the Wi-Fi coverage areas outside the Minden, Dysart and Wilberforce arenas; and created point-to-point wireless networks for municipal buildings close to fibre connection. For example, March's report indicated the new Minden Hills fire hall, when completed, will obtain its internet signal wirelessly from the nearby county EMS base.

Signing a 10-year contract with Bell is allowing the county to save between 40 and 60 per cent on its bill for fibre and DSL internet service and in addition to the 20 fibre sites, 18 other locations using DSL were integrated into the contract.

The request for proposals for the contract was put out through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, and included similar contracts for its other member municipalities.

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Right, former Red Hawks hockey player Mat Wilbee, left, with the North Kawartha Knights hockey team absorbs a hit from Little Britain Merchants defenceman Joey Cooper on Friday, Nov. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Below, Wilbee wins a draw.

Wilbee, who was named the game MVP, scored a goal and added an assist in the win./DARREN LUM Staff



When a Hawk becomes a Knight
Former Red Hawks hockey player Ethan Keefer finishes his check while playing with the North Kawartha Knights hockey team on Friday, Nov. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Knights, who are part of the Provincial Junior Hockey League (or formerly Central Ontario Junior C), beat the Little Britain Merchants 4-0. Keefer finished with a point, assisting on the second goal of the game by fellow Hawks alumnus Wilbee./DARREN LUM Staff

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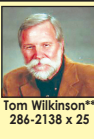
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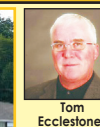
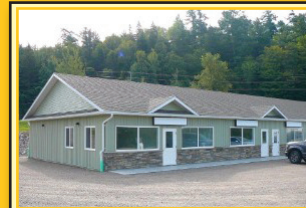
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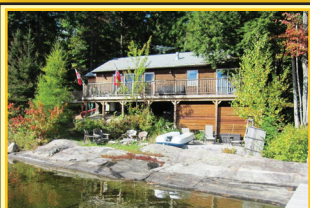
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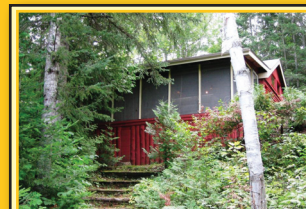
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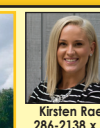
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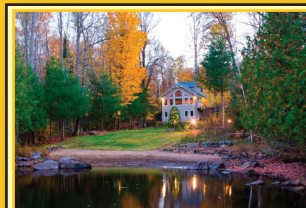
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minor hockey

Tykes win a nail-biter against Coyotes

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to Sunderland to play the Brock Wild. The Storm's teamwork, skating and shooting ability was no match for the Wild. The final score of the game was 7-1. The first period had six goals, five being the Storm's. Jack Tomlinson got two unassisted goals, Easton Burk got his first of the season with the help of Luke Gruppe, and Jaxen Casey gave the assist to Mason Latanville's goal to finish out the period. Halfway through the second Zach Prentice helped Tomlinson get his first hat trick of the season. The final goal of the game was scored by Evan Perrott, which was assisted by Ethan DeCarlo.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Tykes hosted their first home game of the season at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. The crowd was treated to a fast-paced, action-packed game right from beginning to end. The Storm knew they would need to bring their A game if they wanted to beat the strong Kawartha Coyotes Red team, as their last attempt resulted in a 5-5 tie.

Vanek Logan, during the opening shift of the game, set the fast pace, with a beautiful backhand goal assisted by Matthew Scheffee. The Coyotes battled back, putting them on the scoreboard just over a minute later. The next four minutes of the period was end-to-end action, with both teams battling hard. The Coyotes managed to put one over the shoulder of the Storm's goaltender to take the lead. Logan rallied back with another quick goal off the faceoff,

assisted by Mason Latanville. Seconds later, the Coyotes put one in the net, ending the period one goal ahead of the Storm.

The Coyotes managed to increase their lead to a two-goal lead early in the second. It was evident that the Storm needed to step up their game and that they did. From behind the net with his head up, Tomlinson sent a tape-to-tape pass to Logan, who was in perfect position in front of the net and beat the Coyotes goalie top shelf. Defenceman Evan Perrott used his speed and determination to tie up the game only 11 seconds off the next faceoff, ending the second 4-4.

The third period was full of long shifts, forcing both teams to change on the fly. Tomlinson and Latanville off a pass from defenceman Ethan DeCarlo, seized the opportunity to skate up the ice together, with Tomlinson putting the puck in the back of the net. Next Zach Prentice makes the perfect pass to Logan, giving him the opportunity for a textbook breakaway goal. However, the Coyotes would not give up, scoring another goal minutes later. With fans on the edge of their seats watching a Coyotes player coming in on a breakaway, Storm's goaltender Carter Braun came up with a huge save, keeping the Storm's lead. In the final minutes of the game, Latanville buried the puck in the back of the net off a rebound to extend the Storm's lead. Braun came up big again holding the Coyotes off. Unfortunately with 3.8 seconds left in the game the Coyotes scored, but the Storm still took the game, ending in a 7-6 final. It was the most exciting game of the sea-

son to date and great sportsmanship was shown by all.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Bantam girls tie one, win two

The Canadian Tire/Bantam girls Jets team had a busy hockey filled weekend.

Friday evening the team travelled to North Frontenac to face the Napanee Crunch. The game ended in a tie with the lone goal for the Jets being scored by Haley Goulet, unassisted, who fore-checked hard, ended up in a scramble in front of the net, got the puck and shot it in past the pads of the Crunch goalie.

Saturday afternoon the Jets took on the Peterborough Ice Kats on home ice in front of a large Hockey Day crowd. The first period was scoreless but near the end of the second, Goulet started off the Jets getting a rebound goal in front of the net, assisted by Emily Alexander. Emma Tidey followed early in the third, with a beautiful right top corner wrist shot, assisted by Gillian Rosik. Beth Brownlee fought hard for the puck in front of the Ice Kats net and tapped the puck in, assisted by Jaylin Frost. The final goal for the Jets and her second of the game was by Tidey, who received a stick to stick pass from defensive player Ryan Rupnow and gracefully put the puck past the Ice Kats netminder.

Sunday afternoon, the team hit the road and headed to Peterborough to play the Ice Kat's again. The team came out flying and all of their hard work paid off with a 7-1 win. Trista Young started off the scoring streak for the Jets with a backhand, assisted by Brownlee. Goulet added a single on the rebound, assisted by Hannah McMann. Rosik got the third goal of the game, with a snapshot top right corner, assisted by Tidey. McMann with her signature hard wrist shot, added two to the scoreboard, assisted by Goulet. Mackenzie Hudder retrieved her own rebound and scored her first goal of the season unassisted. Tidey, assisted by Alexander, raised the puck and scored blocker side on the Ice Kats. Great teamwork paid off and everyone played hard throughout the game.

Bella Smolen, once again held her own in net and played three amazing games adding to the team's success.

This coming weekend the Jets will be away participating in the Kitchener Fall fest tournament. Good luck, girls!

The team, coaches, bench staff and parents would like to thank their sponsors, Canadian Tire and Parkview Dental who continue to make all of this possible.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Crusaders win over Bantam A's

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A took on the Brock Wild in Minden last Friday evening. The Storm ran into penalty trouble after dominating the first few minutes and the Wild took full advantage scoring first with two Storm players in the box.

The Wild would go up by two after some undisciplined play put the Storm at a disadvantage again sending another two players to the sin bin. Desi Davies' goal cut the Brock lead in half but the Wild would soon regain their two-goal cushion when Storm goaltender Ben Landry mishandled a low shot. From that point on in the second period the Storm came flying back with four unanswered goals by Tyson Clements, Jaxon Gill, Tim Turner and his second of the evening by Davies to allow the Storm to take a 5-3 lead going into the final frame. Clements scored again early in the third on a sniper backhand and Davies got the hat trick in a convincing 7-4 Highland Storm victory.

On Saturday, the team travelled down to Whitby for a game against the Durham Crusaders hoping for a better result than their 11-4 loss in their first meeting early in the season. It did look promising at the start with Jaxon Gill scoring 90 seconds in giving the Storm the lead they would hold on to throughout the period. Nate Miscio made some absolutely stellar saves but the Crusaders finally broke through with a couple of quick goals to take a 2-1 lead into the third. The turning point was the third Crusaders' goal after substantial pressure by the Storm who came that close to tying the game at two. The Crusaders popped in a couple more before Storm forward Desi Davies found the back of the net. Losing 5-2, the game was far closer than the score indicates. Next Bantam game is Nov. 24 in Minden vs. the Huntsville Otters.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

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minor hockey

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Storm rocked by Port Carling

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the Atom AE's travelled to Port Carling to take on the Muskoka Rock. The Storm players started out strong in the first period. Jace Mills received a pass from Evan Jones for the first goal and ending the first period. Going into the second period the Rock fought back hard and the Storm players were unable to keep ahead resulting in a 10-1 loss. A big shout out to Liam Harrison for receiving player of the game for his hard work.

They returned to Port Carling on Sunday, Nov. 19 for a second game against Muskoka Rock. Into the first period Maclean Rowden received a pass from Parker Simms and scored the Storm's first goal. A short two minutes after that Isaac Lee got a hold of the puck and passed it to Mills who put the puck into the net for the Storm's second goal. All of the Storm players played hard and with determination but in the end the Rock took the lead and ended the game with a 9-2 win. Emery Bagshaw took home the player of the game for her hard work and determination! The Atom AE take on the Almaguin Ice Devils for a doubleheader on Saturday

Nov. 25 at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Shamrocks luck out in game against Atom A's

The Cottage Country Building Sup-

plies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The Highland Storm Atom team fought hard but lost to the Parry Sound Shamrocks 5-1. The only goal was scored by Colby Coumbs.

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's will be hosting the Brock Wild at 2 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Saturday, Nov. 25 and on Sunday, Nov. 26 they will be travelling to Elmvale to face the Coyotes at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midgets battle Bears in tournament

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team travelled to Bracebridge Nov. 17, 18, 19 to participate in the Tim Greavette tournament. A great effort by the team took them into the semi-finals, which they loss against the South Muskoka Bears, 3-2 in overtime. The tournament pushed the Storm to all limits. Tournaments are great fun and an awesome practice experience for the team, which the first game turned out to be.

They were off to a good start and won 5-2 against the Wasaga Stars. The Storm team came out strong in the first period and captured a 3-0 lead. It proves a passing team is a winning team as each goal came from a great pass to an open player. The first two goals were scored by Owen Smith, passes from Owen Patterson-Smith. Next it was Manning who deflected a shot from Prentice. Next

period, it continued with a pass from Boice to Owen Patterson-Smith that widened the gap to 4-0. The Storm's defence stood strong, shutting down the Stars' attempts. The third period showed more team work as passes from all around, ended on the stick of open Boice and claimed a 5-0 lead. Later, the Stars took advantage of a couple power plays and scored, making it a 5-2 game.

The Storm team met their match the following game and succumbed 3-0 to the Lincoln Blades. The Storm Midgets regrouped after that devastating loss and was ready the next day to face the Ennismore Eagles. That proved to be an intense, do or die game. The only goal came fairly early in the third period. It was the Storm team that squeezed one in and then continued to hold off the Eagles.

That win allowed the Storm into the semi-finals against the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm have won all games against the Bears in regular season and for some it was a for-sure win, but today was a new day. The first period proved to be a warm up and ended scoreless. The Midget team was baffled in the second period after the Bears clawed two unanswered goals. They worked hard trying to connect the passes, to rushes, to shots on goal. It finally came early in the third, with tremendous effort. Back and forth by O'Neill, Flood, Owen Patterson-Smith, then a goal. The Storm continue to push, trying to tie it up. A nail biter, with three seconds left, the Storm captured the tying goal while on a power play and with the extra man.

Next...overtime, four-on-four, then it was three-on-three. With tournament legs showing, it was a devastating loss

as they folded 3-2 to the Bears. Come out and cheer on the Midget team as they take on the Kawartha Coyotes on Nov. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton and on Nov. 24 at 8:30 in Minden when they take on the Brock Wild.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Shamrocks beat Peewees 4-3

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks.

Both teams battling hard in the first period, the Storm was the first to strike with Cooper Coles scoring unassisted. The luck was with the Shamrocks and they scored three quick goals to put them up 3-1 going into the second. Both teams battling in the second and Storm goalie Taylor Consack settling in to keep his team in the game the Storm went on the attack. The Storm got back on the board in the third with Austin Boylan scoring assisted by Kaine Branigan and Gage Hutchinson to put them within one. The Storm kept at it with Kyan Hall scoring to tie it up assisted by Aiden Perrott. The Shamrocks got a goal by a deflection to give them the go ahead goal and the final score at the buzzer 4-3. The Peewees head to Ome-mee on Wednesday, Nov. 22 to play the Kawartha Coyotes and head to Brighton on Nov. 25 for a one day tournament and then to Elmvale for a 4:30 game on the 26th.

Submitted by Ron Hall



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Performances July 2-5 (7:30 p.m.), 6 & 8 (2 p.m. matinee), 9 & 10 (7:30 p.m.).

The Dining Room

by A.R. Gurney

The play is set in a fine dining room, the place where the family assembled daily for breakfast and dinner and for any and all special occasions. The action is a mosaic of interrelated scenes—some touching, some revealing, some hilarious—which, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of the rewards and trials of family life. The actors change roles, personalities and ages with virtuoso skill as they portray a wide variety of characters, from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids.

Performances July 30 - Aug 2 (7:30 p.m.), 3 & 5 (2 p.m. matinee), Aug 7 & 8 (7:30 p.m.).



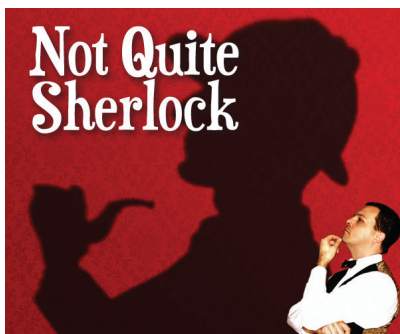
Cliffhanger

by James Yaffe

Mingling suspense and humour, this ingeniously plotted thriller follows all the unexpected twists and turns that result when a seemingly mild-mannered professor of philosophy is driven to apparent murder to protect his reputation and career.

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Performances July 25 & 26 (7:30 p.m.), 27 (2 p.m. matinee).



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The Nutcracker continues to delight

NATE SMELLE

Staff Reporter

Every community has its own traditions when it comes to celebrating the holiday season. Over the past 14 years, Heritage Ballet's annual performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* has become one of these beloved occasions for people in Haliburton County. Owner and choreographer of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton, Julie Barban has been working with the dancers for two months.

Appreciating how much the audience loves the performance each year, she has also noticed how amazing the experience is for the children who get to star in *The Nutcracker*.

"They get to feel the nervousness and excitement of waiting for their turn to go out on stage and show the community what they've been rehearsing and learning the past two months," she said.

"They get to wear beautiful costumes from around the world and tutus made by a local mother that are worthy of the National Ballet of Canada."

Barban also finds the experience to be very rewarding. In the beginning, she said she didn't know if she could "pull off" such a big production. However, after speaking with one of her students, Barban became convinced they could make it a success.

"A former student of mine convinced me we could, and so together Rachel Regina and I pulled it off," she said.

"The following year we did it again but then she went away to university."

Barban believes one of the reasons *The Nutcracker* continues to be one of the county's most special and enjoyable traditions, is because it changes and evolves each year.

"Every year it may change slightly because of the dancers I have, their ages and capabilities," said Barban.

"Sometimes I add in new things, change up costumes and this year we have the Ukrainian dance couple we had in 2015 returning. This year they are joined with another couple thanks to the DH3 [Dance Happens Here Haliburton] committee."

The first two performances will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2; with the first beginning at 2 p.m., and the second getting underway at 7:30 p.m. The final show will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. All performances will take place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets cost \$18 and are available for purchase online at www.onstagedirect.com/buy/performer-info.action?performerId=422; or at the door.

Heritage Ballet is a small family oriented studio offering yearly ballet exams and the opportunity to compete throughout Ontario and upstate New York. For more information about Heritage Ballet, and/or their annual performance of *The Nutcracker* visit www.heritageballet.ca.



In Dance of the Courtiers, the stage lit up with rich and sparkling golds and reds led by Noelle Dupret Smith during *The Nutcracker* in last year's production. /JENN WATT Staff

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Upcoming Events

Poinsetta Lunch and Sale

When: Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Admission by Donation

Santa Claus Parade - Haliburton

When: Friday, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Haliburton

Santa Claus Parade - Minden

When: Saturday, Nov. 25, 11:30 a.m.
Downtown Minden

Santa's Elves Storytime

When: Saturday, Nov. 25
Where: Dysart library branch at 10:30 a.m. and Minden library branch at 1 p.m.

West Guilford Craft Sale

When: Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Community Centre
People interested in having a table can call the Community Centre at 705-754-1605 and leave a message Or email Nancy Houghton @ nancyh1969@gmail.com. \$7 per table/two table limit

100 Women Who Care Fall Meeting

When: Nov. 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Where: Dominion Hotel, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 Women Who Care - we meet for one hour, three times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. This year we have raised \$11,800 for three charities. If you are women who cares, come and see how we do it. It's awesome!

HHHS - Community Support Services, Community Christmas Luncheons

Haliburton Christmas Lunch: Friday, Dec. 1, noon- 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion,
RSVP by Nov. 24th - \$18
Minden Christmas Lunch: Thursday, Dec. 7, noon - 2pm
Where: Minden Legion, RSVP by Nov. 30 - \$19
Wilberforce Christmas Lunch: Friday, Dec. 8, noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Legion,
RSVP by Dec. 1 - \$15
Entertainment and Delicious Turkey Dinner with dessert, tea/coffee
Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets

5th Annual Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Snow date - Sunday, Dec. 3)
Where: Oxtongue Lake Community Centre
The event starts with a welcome at 5:30 p.m., tree lighting and caroling will take place at 6 p.m., followed by Warm Up and Social Time at 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun with a special guest tree lighter, caroling, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and snacks. All are welcome!
Contact Marlene Kyle at 705-635-9816 for more information.

Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, hosted by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Large variety of gift ideas from knitted items, jewellery, art, stained glass, candles, wreaths, gingerbread cookies, fruitcake, crafts and more. Something for everyone. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Free tea and coffee all day.

Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden,
Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets - Admission \$5 (Snow date Dec. 2)

The Nutcracker

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 (2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 3 (2 p.m.)
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, HHSS, Haliburton
Tickets available online starting Nov. 11: https://www.onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730
Ukrainian dancers are back again this year to join Heritage Ballet in their annual Christmas performance.

Winter Festival and Farmers' Market

When: Saturday, Dec. 2, 12 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Together with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, we are hosting a winter festival and farmers' market. Local shopping, kids activities, seasonal foods and Christmas trees.

Contact information: For more information, contact Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca, (705) 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca.

Get on Gelert for Fabulous Festive Finds

When: Dec. 2, 3; 9,10 weekends
Where: Gelert Rd between Haliburton & Gelert
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Contact: Gail Holness 705-455-9294, gailholness@gmail.com

Making Moccasins

When: Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: Carnarvon
Interested in learning a new skill? Broaden your creative horizons with moccasin making. This full-day workshop will give you everything you need to know about the art, including tanned hide for moccasin body, leather lacing, pattern making, needles and sinew for stitching, and all the instruction and assistance to complete the project in one day.
Contact: Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436 or info@youroutdoors.ca

St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's Christmas Gift Sale

When: Friday December 8th 4:00—7:00pm
Saturday December 9th 10:00—2:00pm
Where: 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Nothing costs more than \$1.00 - Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family & friends - We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the gifts, they will be ready to take home and put under the tree. - Please come and share in the joy of this day. Everyone Welcome - For more info. Please call the Church office at 705-286-2541

Kinmount: Christmas in the Village

When: Saturday, December 9

Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. -Anglican Church Hall
Children's Crafts, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Community Centre Upstairs
Royal Canadian Legion Christmas Party for the children, 2 p.m.
Christmas Music Night, 7 p.m., Galway Hall. Featuring Frank and Chanda Leahy and family. Desserts, Loonie Auction
For more information or to reserve tickets (\$15) for Music Night, contact 488-2635 or 488-2687

Fill A Cruiser

When: Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Foodland
All donations received will support the Wilberforce and Cardiff Food Banks. Please come out and support our local Food Banks, our community and our OPP!

Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade

When: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce
It begins at the Wilberforce School at 12:30 p.m., and parades to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, where Santa will join the kids for a free picture, gift and goodies.

Fun for all ages, don't miss it!

Recurring Events

Lego Club (Kids and Parents)

Where: Haliburton County Public Library branches
Wilberforce: Every Saturday at 1 p.m.
Dysart: Join us during Mini-Makers on Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Minden Hills: Drop in anytime to contribute to the community LEGO table!

Haliburton Highlands Parkinson's Support Group

When: 2nd Wednesday of the month, April-Dec from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Where: Meeting Room at Haliburton Health Services, 72717 Gelert Rd., Haliburton
Cost: no charge
Brief description: an opportunity for Parkinson's patients and caregivers to meet in a social setting.
Contact: Gail (705) 286-2225

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services

would like to remind the community that we provide quick and supportive access to mental health and counselling services. Parents and Caregivers – if you are concerned about the mental health of your child or youth give Point in Time a call at 705 457 5345. Youth can also call us directly. Adults – if you are in need of mental health supports please call Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services at 705 286 4575.

VON Smart exercise class

for balance, strength , and flexibility resumes in Sept. in Minden : Hyland Crest auditorium on Wednesdays 11-12 , Haliburton: EchoHills on Thursdays 1-2. For more information contact Cathy at 705-457-2996 or Judy at 705-306-9064.

Line Dancing

When: Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:30am
Where: AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton, Second Floor
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Contact: Chalene Smith, 705-457-3985

Kinmount Library

The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Morning Glories

When: Tuesday and Friday 8:30am
Where: Upstairs in the Haliburton Arena
Contact: Jane Jaycock 705-754-9996 or jjaycock@hotmail.com
Exercises for cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility

Youth Program

Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.
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Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group

Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact community support services 705-457-2941 for more information

Al-anon Minden

When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, \at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
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Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:

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Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon.
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Hawks prepare for season
Head coach Ron Yake directs his players' attention to the corner of the arena at last week's Red Hawks boys' hockey team in preparation for the Kawartha High School Hockey League, which starts with the team's home opener against the Holy Cross Hurricanes on Thursday, Nov. 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

Red Hawks home schedule

The Red Hawks have nine regular season Kawartha High School Hockey League games at the A.J. LaRue Arena.
Nov. 23, 1:30 start against Holy Cross Hurricanes
Dec. 6, 3:45 p.m. start against St. Peter Saints
Dec. 20, 3:45 p.m. start against Cobourg Wolves
Jan. 17, 3:45 p.m. start against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institue Spartans

*All games subject to change without notice



A pair of Red Hawks players converge on a loose puck during a drill at last week's Red Hawks boys' hockey team in preparation for the Kawartha High School Hockey League, which starts with the team's home opener against the Holy Cross Hurricanes on Thursday, Nov. 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

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Shoppers to open this Saturday

Renovations are expected to be completed this week for the soon-to-be Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart at 186 Highland Street, which moved from 49 Maple Ave. The Haliburton location is owned by Highlands resident Aimee Mansfield. The opening for the new location will be Saturday, Nov.25./DARREN LUM Staff

Notices



**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, December 11th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-034/17
Applicant: Lancashire Homes Ltd.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 21, Con. 9, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: New Lot
2. File No. H-039/17
Applicant: Dale & Cindy Cotton
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 18, Con. 2, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of November, 2017.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Holds candles
7. In possession of
10. Rodents
12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
13. Hard candy on a stick
14. Animal of the weasel family
15. Things that should not be overlooked
16. "Silence" author
17. Dried, split lentils
18. People native to Ghana
19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
21. British thermal unit
22. Large oblong hall
27. Ethnic group in Asia
28. Holiday decoration
33. Milliliter
34. Open
36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
37. Tantric meditation
38. Where golf games begin
39. Birth swine
40. Rip
41. Remove
44. Puts together in time
45. Rotary engines
48. Skeletal structure
49. Member of a labor organization
50. Japanese classical theater
51. Undergarments

4. __ and tuck
5. Head honcho
6. Second sight
7. Composer
8. About aviation
9. Senior officer
10. Forecasts weather
11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
12. Town in Hesse, Germany
14. Thought to derive from meteorites
17. Hit lightly
18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
20. Title of respect
23. Warms up
24. Man and Wight are two
25. Type of scan
26. Atomic mass unit
29. Article
30. Incriminate
31. Passes by
32. Most nerve-inducing
35. David Alan Grier sitcom
36. Achieve
38. Freshwater fish
40. Beginner
41. Dark brown or black
42. A newlywed wears one
43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
45. Ancient Egyptian King
46. Old name (abbr.)
47. Brazilian city (slang)

CLUES DOWN

1. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
2. Religious group
3. Singer Redding

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UPCOMING
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Events

Poinsetta Lunch and Sale

When: Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Admission by Donation

Santa Claus Parade - Haliburton

When: Friday, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Haliburton

Santa Claus Parade - Minden

When: Saturday, Nov. 25, 11:30 a.m.
Downtown Minden

Santa's Elves Storytime

When: Saturday, Nov. 25
Where: Dysart library branch at 10:30 a.m. and Minden library branch at 1 p.m.

West Guilford Craft Sale

When: Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Community Centre
People interested in having a table can call the Community Centre at 705-754-1605 and leave a message Or email Nancy Houghton @ nancyh1969@gmail.com.
\$7 per table/two table limit

100 Women Who Care Fall Meeting

When: Nov. 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Where: Dominion Hotel, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 Women Who Care - we meet for one hour, three times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. This year we have raised \$11,800 for three charities. If you are women who cares, come and see how we do it. It's awesome!

HHHS - Community Support Services, Community Christmas Luncheons

Haliburton Christmas Lunch: Friday, Dec. 1, noon- 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion,
RSVP by Nov. 24th - \$18
Minden Christmas Lunch: Thursday, Dec. 7, noon - 2pm
Where: Minden Legion, RSVP by Nov. 30 - \$19
Wilberforce Christmas Lunch: Friday, Dec. 8, noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Legion,
RSVP by Dec. 1 - \$15
Entertainment and Delicious Turkey Dinner with dessert, tea/coffee
Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets

5th Annual Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting

When: Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Snow date - Sunday, Dec. 3)
Where: Oxtongue Lake Community Centre
The event starts with a welcome at 5:30 p.m., tree lighting and caroling will take place at 6 p.m., followed by Warm Up and Social Time at 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun with a special guest tree lighter, caroling, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and snacks. All are welcome!
Contact Marlene Kyle at 705-635-9816 for more information.

Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, hosted by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.
Large variety of gift ideas from knitted items, jewellery, art, stained glass, candles, wreaths, gingerbread cookies, fruitcake, crafts and more. Something for everyone. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Free tea and coffee all day.

Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden,
Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets - Admission \$5 (Snow date Dec. 2)

The Nutcracker

When: Saturday, Dec. 2 (2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 3 (2 p.m.)
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, HHSS, Haliburton
Tickets available online starting Nov. 11: https://www.onstagedirect.com/buy/event_info.action?eventId=730
Ukrainian dancers are back again this year to join Heritage Ballet in their annual Christmas performance.

Get ready for holiday cheer

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wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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First, a couple of items that should have been reported last week. Sorry for going missing!

Once again Highland Grove's Heritage Dinner was served to a huge crowd on a recent Saturday evening. Folks always know where a great turkey dinner is being served - and topped with pie.

Many area residents attended the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph here on a cold but sunny Nov. 11. They came at the traditional 11 a.m. time for the traditional solemn service.

Appreciation is extended to members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 and LA for providing this time for community to come together in honour of those who serve our country in the military in war and peace. Thoughts go also to those innocent ones who perish in the world's many battles.

Leaders included Dave Burton, Sergeant at Arms Lorne Dinesen, musicians Mark Bramham (trumpeter), and Robert Bidaman (vocal), Ted Morris (prayers) and Legion president John Glassey. The wreath laying ceremony followed the lowering of the flag, the moments

of silence and the raising of the flag. Members of the Legion and the community were greatly honoured to lay a wreath.

Many were pleased to have a meal together at the Legion hall after the service.

The "Glow In The Darkness" bonspiel was held at the Wilberforce club last Saturday. This bonspiel has become a very popular one. So this year the organizers, not wanting to turn away any teams, got creative. They made it into two spiels one that ran in the morning and early afternoon with lunch. The other one had games from early afternoon into evening. More next time since scores/winners unknown at this time.

Here are dates for some upcoming seasonal events:

On Saturday, Dec. 2 the Wilberforce Heritage Guild's Christmas Craft Sale is on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre (LWMC). Always a good variety of items at this sale. Enjoy snacks/lunch from kitchen run by St. Margaret's people.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, also at LWMC at 7 p.m. there will be a program of carols, readings and usually some surprises. Light refreshments. This is being led by the United Church people.

On Sunday, Dec. 10 Santa Claus comes to town with parade at 12:30 noon, followed by lots of fun at LWMC.

Christmas Open House at the Outpost Historic House Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Essonville Historic Church Carol Service Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Canoe FM thanks dedicated volunteer

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Eleanor Cooper
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At Canoe 100.9 annual general meeting on Nov. 14, a gift of a beautifully wrought necklace was presented to Lee-Anne Goodall as she and her husband Ken leave their Redstone River home to be closer to their Cobourg family. The gift represented Canoe's appreciation of Lee-Anne for years of service on the board, her work on policy procedure and on by-laws in particular. Ken too will be missed at North Entrance Masonic Lodge. While Earl was still able to attend, Ken was his chauffeur and he appreciated Earl's encouragement as they went to and from on the third Wednesday of every month. We will be happy to hear from you as you settle into your new community.

The third rehearsal of the ecumenical choir was indeed a pleasure as we rehearsed the Christmas anthems and hymns to be presented on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. under Bill's capable direction at St. George's.

Euchre continues every Tuesday night at the West Guilford Community Centre. Last week's scores as follows:

High: Ivan Kernohan and Pat Birmingham
Low: Ray Campbell and Sandi Griffin
Most Lone Hands: Neil Moore and Shirley Johnston

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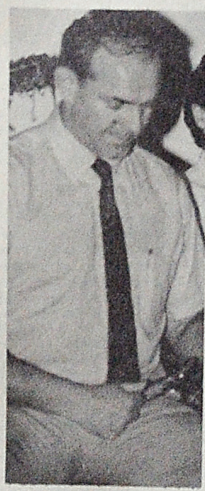
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Board approves transfer point near Ingoldsby

After meeting with police and Ministry of Transportation and Communications officials, the Haliburton County Board of Education has decided to transfer students between two school buses on Highway 121 just north of County Road 18 to Ingoldsby.

The decision to have the buses meet at a high point and stop both lanes of traffic is a reversion to an earlier practice.

Following an October mishap between two stopped buses and a dump truck on County Road 1 in Snowdon Township, the board was petitioned not to transfer Ingoldsby area students on Highway 121. In response, the board and bus company officials agreed to move the transfer point to the Ingoldsby Road at its intersection with Highway 121. But the change proved unsatisfactory because it required the southbound bus, which takes students to Archie Stouffer Public School in Minden from the Blairhampton area, to make an illegal left turn and block both lanes of the Ingoldsby Road, in effect parking in an illegal manner.

A suggestion from citizens that the transfer take place on a section of old road just north of the Ingoldsby turn was investigated recently at a meeting between an MTC representative, an OPP officer, director of education J. Douglas Hodgson and a representative of Northernways Transit.

In a report to the board of education last Tuesday, Hodgson said the consensus among those who attended the on-site meeting was that the original system of stopping the northbound bus from Ingoldsby and the southbound bus to Minden at a high point a few metres north of County Road 18, requiring traffic in both directions to stop, was the safest option.

The board approved use of the transfer point as reported by Hodgson.

Trustee resigns

Dysart et al trustee Dr. Blair Pierce has resigned his seat on the Haliburton County Board of Education, effective at the end of this month.

Dr. Pierce, who was elected to his first three year term on the board in November 1982, is moving to London, Ontario where his wife Barbara has accepted a position with the city's social services department.

The board has appointed Dysart trustees Len Salvatori, Paul Wilson and Nancy Stinson to recommend someone to fill the vacated seat. A new trustee is expected to be sworn in at a special meeting of the board set for next Tuesday.

Board says no to seatbelts on buses

Committee bases recommendation on problems pointed out in studies

School buses operating in Haliburton County will not get seatbelts in the immediate future, but the issue is not a closed one.

Sherborne et al trustee David Villard, who reported for the board's transportation committee at a meeting last Tuesday, said the committee decided "that there should not be belts in the large buses at this time. However, they would like to consider seat belts for vans and this is presently being investigated."

In a telephone interview later, Villard said that while he is "a strong supporter of seatbelts in any vehicle", information made available to the transportation committee indicated that belts are not practical in existing buses. Potential problems include misuse of the belts, and the chance that students could be unable to unfasten the belts and evacuate the bus in the event of an accident and subsequent fire.

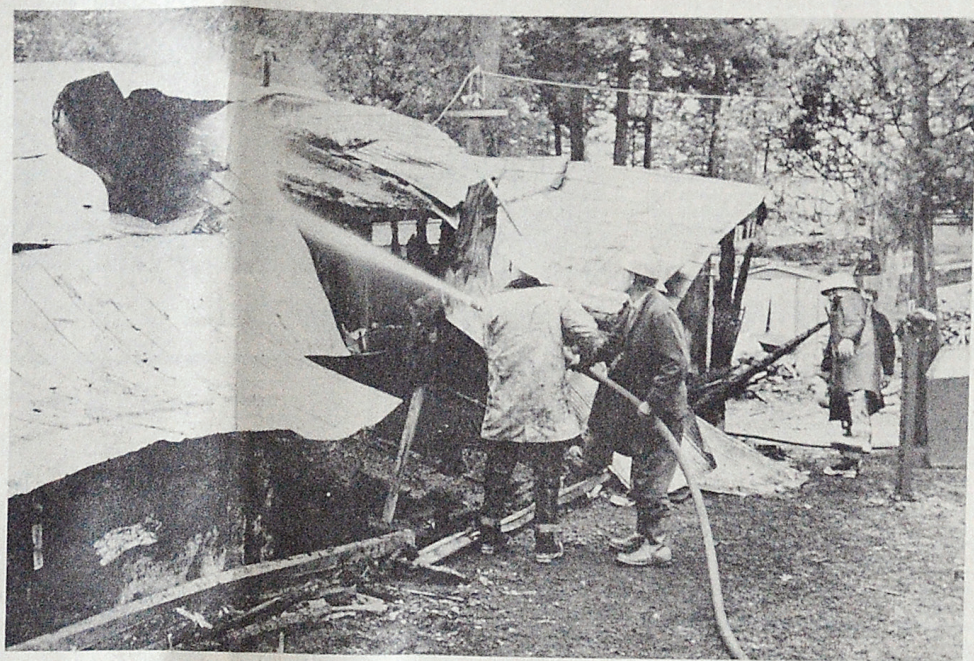
As well, existing buses are not designed to take the load that would occur if belted students were restrained in a collision. So far, design

improvements have centred on padding seat backs to reduce injuries, Villard said, noting that even if lap belts were worn, students might still come into contact with the seat in front during a collision.

But Villard emphasized that "even though we have made the decision, I don't think that it's a dead issue." He said the committee will continue to seek out new information on the advantages and

disadvantages of seat belts in large buses.

As for the smaller, van type buses, the committee intends to give further consideration to the possibility of requiring seatbelts.



Marina gutted in fire

The main building at Kushog Lake Marina was destroyed by flames on Thursday afternoon, although Stanhope firemen managed to contain the blaze. The fire is thought to have been started by an

overheated electric motor in a refrigerator. Little was left to salvage once the flames had been extinguished.

Ice cuts power, no accidents reported

Monday's ice storm did not produce a rash of fender benders in Haliburton County, but it did result in an electrical power interruption for consumers in the areas of Haliburton village, Cranberry Lake, Tory Hill, Wilberforce and Gooderham.

Electricity was cut at about 10 p.m. Monday night when something went wrong with a section of line between Haliburton and Tory Hill.

Ontario Hydro crews were able to direct power through other lines and had power restored to the Haliburton village area within 52 minutes. Power was restored to Tory Hill, Gooderham and Wilberforce about an hour later.

Everett McKnight, spokesman for Hydro's Minden District, said a helicopter was called in Tuesday morning to try to locate the problem on the Haliburton to Tory Hill line.

Other minor electrical problems were reported in the wake of the storm, and crews were carrying out

repairs on Tuesday.

Provincial, county and municipal road crews spread tons of sand and salt throughout the storm, keeping roads passable. Minden OPP report no accidents on Monday afternoon or evening despite the poor driving conditions.

Minden considers program

Residents of Minden are continuing to make plans for a Neighbourhood Watch program in the community. The program encourages people to assist police in crime prevention by noting unusual occurrences and passing information on to police, who can move

quickly to investigate.

At a meeting last Wednesday attended by approximately 40 people, Minden detachment commander Sgt. Bill Bailey, community services officer Constable Gary Chapman, and a district OPP representative

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Pre Christmas Discounts a chance to shop locally

If you've been telling yourself you'll have to get started on Christmas shopping, but have been putting it off because there's plenty of time left, the merchants of Haliburton and area would like to remind you that as of this Wednesday there were only 21 shopping days left until the big day. That's right. Christmas will be here in a little more than three weeks.

But there's no need to panic. And there's certainly no need to plan a shopping trip to one of the cities, especially not with December's uncertain weather and the cost of fuel. There's a good chance you can find just the right gift for everyone on your list if you take the time to visit your local merchants.

And there'll never be a better time to shop locally than this Saturday, when retailers in Haliburton and the surrounding area

will once again offer big discounts on hundreds of items suitable for Christmas gift giving. It's the annual Pre Christmas Discount Day sale, and it's your chance to enjoy a little of that Christmas atmosphere and save money at the same time.

Included with this week's Echo you'll find a special 12 page section announcing Discount Day specials. Look over the advertisements carefully, get out a pencil and paper and make a shopping list, and make plans to be in Haliburton this Saturday.

When you shop locally you'll save money, time, gasoline and frustration. You'll also help to keep the community's economy strong. And that's good for everyone.

So don't forget to be a part of this year's Pre Christmas Discount Day. The sale gets underway at 9 a.m.



Hand made items, baked goods and fresh spaghetti enticed scores of people to a bazaar at St. Anthony's Church in Haliburton on Saturday. You could tell by

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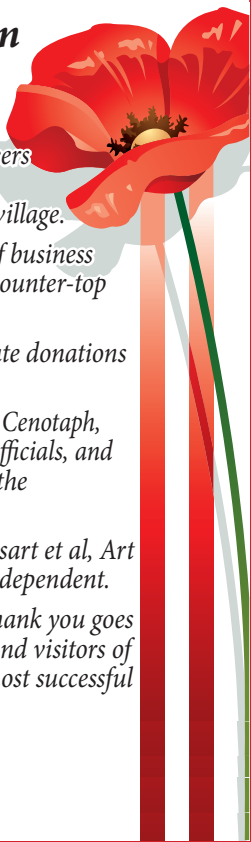
Thank you to all who made private donations to the campaign.

Thank you to all attendees at the Cenotaph, marchers, band members, Police, officials, and citizens who laid wreaths during the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Thank you, Kristen Boylan of Dysart et al, Art Dawson, Foodland and Todd's Independent.

However, as always, the biggest thank you goes to you the very generous people and visitors of Haliburton who made this our most successful campaign yet.

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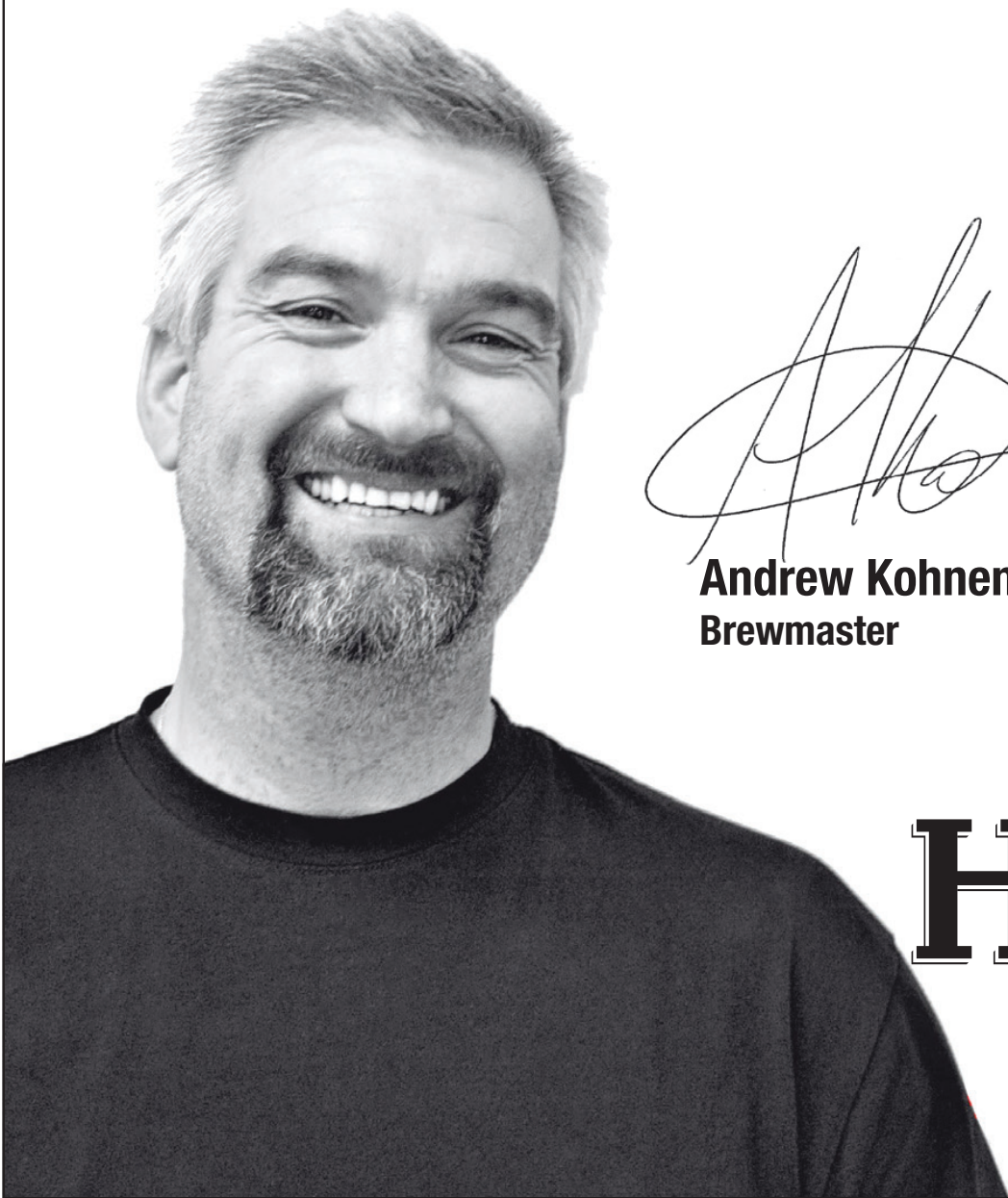


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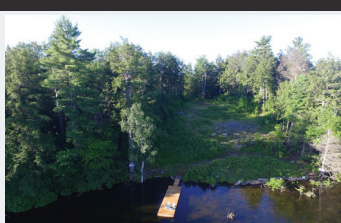
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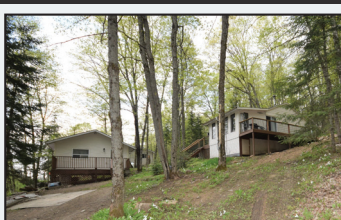
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Clara W